



IF IT WON'T HELP
W'N THE WAR —
FORGET IT!

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PERSONNEL

WELCOME TO NEW EMPLOYEES . . .



WALTER
SAINT
Personnel
Director

While the manpower situation in Southern California remains critical, it is evident from the number of applications we receive every day that "Plumb is a good place to work".

Every week we receive letters from former Plumb Toolers in the service confirming this slogan. All of them want to come back to Plumb after the war.

So to you who are now joining with us in the production of Plumb Tools may we say that you, too, are in the army — the production army — the members of which all are proud to wear the Army-Navy "E" which the War Department says is as much a symbol of distinguished service as a medal issued to a fighting man. As a new comer you have the privilege of proving your right to wear it. In that effort you will receive the cooperation of all of us. The following are new comers:

MACHINE — George Kaiser, Henry Dupire, Howard Travitz, Jess Launchbaugh, Effie McKnight, Chet Shiflet, Violet Ewen, Joseph Lambert, Arthur Coca.

TOOL & DIE — Johnie Jones.

INSPECTION — Velma Wood.

FILING — Bernadette Riley.

POLISH — Elmer Olson.

ORDER — Ruth McNaughton.

CONTRACT — Marie Alexander.

BILLING — Helen Nelson, Bertha Lund.

STOCKROOM — Alice Bohn, Contract Stock; William Melendez, Phillip Leon, Joe Ponce, Ruby Steffensrud, Betty Field, Fannie Carr, Ralph Boulger, Anita Hallmark.

DISPATCH — Robert Douglas.

JANITORS — Rudolph Hall, Walter Wells, Ella Howard.

MAINTENANCE — Clarence Greear, Ernest Shonfish.

— BUY WAR BONDS —

WE NEVER USED TO BE ABLE TO FIND GRANDMA'S GLASSES BUT NOW SHE LEAVES 'EM RIGHT WHERE SHE EMPTIED 'EM.

— BUY WAR BONDS —

EDITORIAL

M. B. P.

WHO SAID THE WAR IS OVER?

Things people are doing, saying and writing, both locally and elsewhere in the country, seem to indicate that in their opinion the war is about over and we should be settling down to post-war activities.

Let me be very clear in stating that we should be doing plenty of THINKING about post-war plans and programs, but we should be ACTING in ways that will advance the war effort the fastest.

Americans are inveterate optimists. It is well that this is so, because our optimism has enabled us to do what a less virile and enthusiastic people never would have tackled.

To assume that the war is on a down-hill pull and practically over, when we are still 2000 miles from Tokyo and have not established a western front in Europe or much less have soldiers on German soil, is optimism in a dangerous form.

As far as Plumb activities are concerned, the foregoing means that we must continue to give major consideration to these war orders at every point to get Plumb, P and C, and Penens tools to the armed forces with the least possible delay.

Let's THINK about post-war plans, but let's WORK on war orders. Maybe in six months the end will be in sight. It certainly is not in sight now.

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COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT (MAIL ROOM)

Norma Hogan

DOROTHEA TERRY is leaving us. EVE WHEELER will replace her on the second shift.

Did You Know?

The mail room opened, sorted and distributed 932 pieces of incoming mail on Monday of this week?

RUTH PENZKOVER has mimeographed 10,635 sheets of paper in two days.

JEAN and CHARLOTTE, our mail girls, make 13 mail deliveries daily. And you can help them serve you more efficiently by directing your mail more specifically.

NORMA HOGAN addressographed 2363 envelopes for mailing on Tuesday.

In one week, we run on the addressograph: 2653 Production sheets, 807 check tallies, 554 time cards.

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Just One Big Struggle

Smith: "What do you mean by saying the struggle in the Pacific is a tug of war?"

Brown: "Well, Yanks on one side; Jerks on the other."

DAILY DOINGS IN YOUR DEPARTMENT

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

Emil Heimberger

JAKE HOPE and **OTIS EATON** the inseparable carpenters — small in stature but great in their unified constructive effort. They never smile but mumble at one another incessantly, yet the job is always done quickly and efficiently.

ORVILLE WAYNE BENNET has been graduated from the electricians' crew to the Tool & Die Department. This again proves that Plumb is the home of opportunity. Good luck, Wayne.

'TIS RUMORED that Robbie's office is to be graced by a female secretary. This will be a new departure for the Maintenance Dep't. We note that the partition in the same office has been removed — said the wolf: "The better to see you, my dear".

CLARENCE GREEAR, the new oiler, seems to be hitting all the necessary spots. When he oils 'em, they stay oiled — since he's with us **EMIL** no longer has that worried look.

LEE MATOUSH the genial maintenance swing shifter assumes all of his responsibilities with a smile. His prematurely silvery hair is not the result of worry. No maintenance problems that come his way remain unsolved.

MARIO BONETTI, our metal worker, lends a tin ear to all of his creative genius and remains oblivious to the fact that he drives the rest of us frantic. He's an all-right guy, but he wields a noisy hammer.



This is Vincent Bonetti, Jr. He takes after his dad and wants to enlist as a bombardier. Vincent is all of 2 years old.

VINCE SODERMAN, one of our newer men, has quickly mastered the intricacies of repairing the Sand Blasting Machinery and keeps their operators happy.

DAN MELENDEZ DISCUSSES A HORRID WORD

Some months ago signs were placed over the drinking fountains reading: "PLEASE DON'T SPIT IN THE FOUNTAIN, ETC. ETC." We had to use a horrid word because "Nico J. Spect" couldn't understand any other.

The janitors tells us that Nico is loose again and up to his old tricks. His full name is NICOTINE JUICE SPECTATOR but we call him Nico for short.

The janitors asked us to write him a letter but we don't believe he can read. But anyway we will try. So here goes: "Dear Mr. Nico:

This happened a long time ago, so long ago in fact that it was in those days when if you said you wanted to go to the basement you meant you wanted to go under the house.

Well, in those days we had an uncle who was very proud of his handle bar moustache that hung on both sides of his mouth way down to here. His name was Anastacia (ain't that a lulu?). Us kids called him Uncle Tacho.

Well, one day Uncle Tacho was standing at the bar with two friends of his, drinking beer, when the saloon door opened and a drunk entered. He swayed from side to side, looked at the trio at the bar, changed his wad of chewing tobacco from one side of his mouth to the other and said: "I think I'll spit in your faces". Then he looked at Uncle Tacho and said: "Except your's".

My uncle twirled his moustache and remarked: "Well, I'm glad you know a nice face when you see one, pardner". Then the drunk, waxing poetic, replied:

Don't give me that balderdash
I just want to keep your's clean
So I can wipe my chin
With your moustache.

The moral of this story, Mr. Nico, is more intended than apparent. It's this: If you must chew tobacco, then carry a bucket or GROW YOUR OWN MOUSTACHE.

— BUY WAR BONDS —

AS THE SKUNK SAID WHEN THE WIND CHANGED: "IT ALL COMES BACK TO ME NOW".

— BUY WAR BONDS —

BEAU BRUMMEL TOM LONG alias Flash Gordon, was seen in Palm Springs last Sunday with one of our beautiful nurses. Although two of the nurses have been holding my hands for the past few weeks, I've never gotten to first base. How did Tom score? What's he got that I haven't got?

"OH THE FARMER, oh the farmer took another load away". So does **GEORGE COLLAMER**, our drayman who dishes it out as well as he can take it. His weekly dissipation is a visit to the Orpheum where he usually has his neighbors in stitches with his hilarious laughter in response to the "thrice told tales" from the stage.

DIP ROOM

John Cross, Foreman

Elaine Kimber, Reporter

GLENN CRIST is back. We're happy to see him, just like a spring breeze from the Windy City. Looks like he'd had good time.

LILLIAN MOHR had a private birthday party last Friday. The cake was sure good. Yum-m-m-m.

GLADYS was surprised to see her boy JACK in a newsreel from the Marshalls Islands.

JOHNNY CROSS and **BOB BELL** can give you instructions on square dancing. They really know how.

AND IMAGINE my surprise when sitting on a freshly painted toilet seat.

REMINDS ME of the story in a national magazine devoted to snappy stories . . . told about an artist's model who sat on a cane bottomed chair — looked like a waffle when she go up.

— BUY WAR BONDS —

HERE AND THERE

Oliver D. Plant

MARINE GUARD Alvin W. Kirkham has completed a course in Personnel Management at the University of California, **W** Training Class, with a grade of "A". Evidently Marine Guard Kirkham takes the slogan of his outfit seriously — **A** ways Faithful — and by faithful attendance at these evening classes, has the situation well in hand as it affects his future.

Life is a theatre in which the best trained people have the best seats. Our best wishes, Alvin.

ETHEL BURGARD, Women's Counselor working out of the Personnel Department, has finished the course in Personnel Management at the University of California. This is one of several courses which Ethel is currently completing and it is to her credit that she has the wisdom and fortitude to take up and complete these courses of study in addition to her arduous duties at Plumb.

BERKELEE BROWN is leaving for Mountain Home, Idaho, to visit her parents before proceeding to Washington D. C., to become the wife of Dr. Arthur S. Cudmore. The wedding will take place in June.

M. B. P. was one of the principal speakers at a meeting of the Southern California Business Leaders at the Riviera Country Club, March 14th. His subject was: "The Manpower Situation in Southern California".

V. L. SAXE, Secretary of Cragin Company, Seattle, was a plant visitor on March 14. He and Mrs. Saxe were vacationing at Long Beach.

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RED CROSS

let's GO BIG for the Red Cross in cash donations as well as the Blood Bank. There is someone in every one of our families who is a direct beneficiary of our God-given Red Cross.

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AN EXCELLENT DEDUCTION

(The following article by Dain Sturges, our safety engineer, reminds me of what Will Rogers said: "It's all right to lock the barn door after the horse is stolen. Somebody might come in and steal the harness". . . . However, it's a much better plan to make sure that the horse can't get out in the first place. —Editor.)

These strenuous times will be particularly noted in history as the period of The Global War. It will also be remembered as the Payroll Deduction Era. Often we would settle for the deductions and let the payroll department have the check.

However, when we stop to consider the benefits received from these deductions, we see a different picture. There is probably no portion taken from our pay from which Plumb Toolers benefit more than for our Group Insurance.

The photostats shown here are concrete evidence of the returns to be gained at a time of real need. These recent checks to Frank Johnson are only a typical example of the many claims paid each month to our people.

During the past year a total of \$5,874.50 in hospital and surgical bills was paid to our employees by the California-Western States Life Insurance Company. Think of the burden this would have placed on those stricken if they had not had this protection!

Most of our employees have the hospitalization insurance, which includes membership in the Employees' Association. However, 70% of our personnel are overlooking an extremely important form of protection. Only a small proportion

have availed themselves of our Group Life and Weekly Indemnity plan. Last year the Aetna Insurance Co., paid weekly indemnity benefits totaling \$3,473.06 to Plumb employees and also a death claim of \$3500.00. This is remarkable, considering that only about one-third of our people have this insurance. As a matter of fact, 25% of the persons under this plan received benefits during the past year.

If you should be injured off the job or be stricken with any type of illness, how would a two or three month lay-off affect you? At a time like this, the weekly disability checks are like dollars from Heaven!

The life insurance protection afforded meets an obvious responsibility to your family. It is hard to conceive that any one would not take advantage of an opportunity to avail themselves of this additional guarantee for the security of those who mean so much, when Plumb has made possible a cost that is negligible.

Remember, there are two distinct plans. The California-Western States Life covers HOSPITALIZATION and SURGICAL expenses. The Aetna provides for LIFE and DISABILITY benefits. There is no duplication. If you do not have both you are not taking full advantage of Plumb's contribution affording you low cost personal insurance protection.

If you are uncertain about the insurance you are carrying, come to Personnel Office and we shall explain the forms of coverages to you. Do not put this off. Tomorrow you may need it and not have it.

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ENGINEERING FIRST DEPARTMENT 100% RED CROSS

MARY BARTELS surely exercised her charm and salesmanship when she signed up every member of the Engineering Department for Red Cross contributions.

The Plumb Gang always comes through whether it is essential tools or reaching down deep into the pocket to really help the War effort.

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METALLURGICAL DEPARTMENT

Fred Robbins, Chief Metallurgist
Pauline M. Kendall, Reporter

BECAUSE the very important METALLURGICAL DEPARTMENT has not been getting much publicity in the Anvil Chorus (probably due to the fact that every member of the department hardly has time to grab a bite of lunch, without stopping to write a column) I will endeavor to remember the rules of journalism and pound out some news on the wonderful new typewriter Dwane Brice so kindly and thoughtfully managed to get for me.

FRED (Now he's in his office, now he's not) ROBBINS has just returned from the east and has promoted JACK O'BRIEN to the Metallurgical Laboratory to become chief micro-photographer and HANK MILLAR'S assistant; LEONARD DALBEC, has taken over the Steel Room foremanship in O'Brien's place, and EARL EMERY, Raw Materials Inspector.

We are happy to welcome DAVID MESSENGER into the Dep't as Steel Room Clerk. We are sorry to have to bid HANK MANKER a fond adieu, but are glad that he's going no farther than the Traffic Dep't. That should make the girls in that department perk up.

THE APPLIED METALLURGICAL CLASS instructed by Mr. Robbins is enjoying wide popularity with an enrollment of well over 50. Anyone interested should ask ART RENWICK, Chief Inspector for Penens, what the penalty is for coming to class half an hour late . . . JOHN TUNNELL, of the Heat Treat Dep't, can also tell you from personal experience. The class meets every Wednesday night at 7:00 p. m., in Room 605 of the Spreckels Bldg., 714 S. Hill St. A wealth of knowledge directly concerning work being done at Plumb Tool is being dispensed by a very capable teacher.

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BURRING DEPARTMENT

Clarence Douglas, Foreman
Helen Recker, Reporter

JOE SALINA has been transferred to the Grinding Line and we miss him. The best of luck on your new job, Joe. Be sure you put your goggles on right.

BOB DOUGLAS is taking Joe's place and from the way he started in, he'll be nice to have around.

VALINA KEEF will probably be eating soup after her visits to the dentist.

YES, IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE, 'cause we got our brewmaster back.

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NEWS OF PLOMB TOOLERS IN THE SERVICE



"PAT" BEANAN STILL THINKS CALIFORNIA TOPS

"Pat" Beanan who worked in our Contract Dept last year, is now stationed in Boston, Mass. What she thinks of it and how she feels about Plumb Tool Company and California are the gist of her letter, just received. Here it is:

Dear Mr. Walter:

I just received another copy of Anvil Chorus and it brought back old memories to me.

I was at Plumb only a short time, but everyone was so congenial and friendly that it made me love the west very much.



"Pat" Beanan

Believe me, I have traveled Canada and the United States quite a few times and they were not fooling when they wrote the song: "I'll Make the San Fernando Valley My Home". Its white homes, the lovely flowers, the desert . . . all right here . . . and you can bet that as soon as this war is over that's where I'm heading for.

I am now a pharmacist mate 2/c in the Navy and am located in Boston and my duties are those of a nurse. The work is interesting and I feel I have a part in the war in bringing the sailors back to health. I trust that Mr. Lewis and yourself are the best of health and that the Navy "is" still proudly waving over the Plumb Tool plant as when I left.

Thanks again for sending me the Anvil Chorus. It's a newspaper that is small in size but has a world of quality just like the Company behind it.

Sincerely yours
Patricia E. Beanan, Ph. M. 2/C

(We were all glad to hear from you, Pat. Glad you don't intend to remain in the east and become a Boston Bean-an. Keep us posted as to your fortunes and particularly if one of these sailor boys turns into a Prince Charming. California is a grand place for a honey-moon. — Ed.)

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Plumb Tool Company,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Sirs:

I have been receiving the Anvil Chorus for some time now and I wish to thank you for your kindness. It's nice to read your paper and know what's going on back there as it's been about two years since I left to join the Navy. I've seen action and been around quite a bit and used many tools made by Plumb and they often bring back old memories of when I used to work in the Polish Dept. I don't think Al remembers me but if Adolph is still setting up the Polishing wheels I wish you would tell him hello for me as I'm sure he will remember me.

I'm in the Atlantic now so if you will use the new address I will receive your paper sooner. Once again I thank you for all your kindness and appreciation in sending me the Anvil Chorus.

John Bolf, TM 3/c
U. S. S. McCook,
c/o Fleet P. O.
New York, N. Y.

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Camp Claiborne, La.,
718th Ry. Opn. Bn.

My dear sir:

I can't begin to tell you, in all honesty just how glad I am to get the Company paper. It's informative, newsy and has just the right amount of personal news without being too personal. However, don't go high hat on us for the compliment. You're doing a swell job to say the least.

We have several men here who are using Plumb tools and the way they brag on them would make any Plumb tooler flush with pleasure.

According to your paper you fellows are really turning on the heat, great, keep it up.

Several letters that I've received from some of the fellows there, ask what kind of an outfit this is, I think the best answer to that question is in the March issue of the Reader's Digest. The title of the article is "The World's Worst Railroad". The title doesn't stretch it a bit. In fact you've never seen a railroad until you've seen this one.

This is the only road in the world where you can see the head man walking up and down his barracks floor after midnight, praying for an accident. In fact things are in such a state that when

ANNIVERSARY PINS

Office—

THOMAS BRADLEY	9
COURTENAY OVERIN	4

Factory—

JESSE MAXCY	3
ROBERT N. DEMING	3
CURTIS CUDE	2
MILTON M. LININGER	2
DANIEL MELENDEZ	2
OLIVER SMITH	2

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DISTRIBUTION SERVICE

Ernest Wynkoop, Mgr.

BILLIE SUTHERIN is having to close her life and eyes after transfer from second shift Order Dept., to first shift Inventory Dept.

SERGEANT EVERETT SNIDER, formerly in our Inventory Dept., visited our plant this week. Says the army is ahead of Plumb Tool Co., in massing paper work. **DON PROUL** arranged a party for Everett at which he told former buddies at Plumb some of his perjuries.

HENRY MANKER has been transferred to the traffic department to help Gor Wilkinson. Henry always does a good job and we know he will continue to render excellent service in the traffic dept., in which he is well qualified.

ANOTHER LEND-LEASE shipment of 32,237 pounds (16 tons), 214 case Plumb Tools went out this week. This is the second carload shipment in two weeks that has left the Contract Store room for overseas.

WHAT YOUNG BEAU BRUMMEL is shipping. The Shipping Department is bringing roses to the girls in the North Offices and Stockroom? His first name couldn't be ROY?

NEXT WEEK watch for the WAC favorite "pin-up" gal — formerly a Plumb Tool lovely. Her initials E. V. G.

— BUY WAR BONDS —

A FOOL AND HIS MONEY ARE SOON PARTED.

KEEP FIT. HEALTH IS MORE PRECIOUS THAN WEALTH.

Ripley passed through here last month. He turned around and looked just once and said, "My God, is it possible to get that drunk on one drink?"

Every so often they dynamite it just to see how much sand the swamps of Louisiana (correctly pronounced Luoseyana) will hold.

Well, it's time I closed, and just in time at that because I can hear the planes coming to give old Crime and Punishment another blasting.

Kenneth D. Ewing.